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## **Russia stages naval drills involving most of its fleet**

*August 1, 2024 spacewar.com* reported: “Russia on Tuesday began large-scale military drills involving every part of its navy not engaged in the Ukraine offensive, the defence ministry said.

Some 300 vessels, including submarines, and more than 20,000 personnel will be involved in the exercises, which are being staged in the Pacific and Arctic Oceans, as well as the Baltic and Caspian Seas.

The drills will involve ‘more than 300 combat exercises with the practical use of combat weapons’, the ministry said.

‘The main purposes of the exercises is to test the actions of the navy’s military command at all levels, as well as the readiness of the ships’ crews, naval aviation units and naval coastal troops,’ it continued.

Units from four of Russia’s five navy divisions — the Northern, Pacific and Baltic fleets, and the Caspian Flotilla — will take part, each staging training exercises in its own ‘operational zones.’...”

## **Report: Iran’s Khamenei Orders Direct Strike on Israel**

*August 1, 2024 Breitbart.com* reported: “Iran’s so-called ‘Supreme Leader’ has called for a direct attack on Israel in response to an Israeli airstrike on Tehran, Iran’s capital city, that killed Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh on Wednesday.

The *New York Times* reported: Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has issued an order for Iran to strike Israel directly, in retaliation for the killing in Tehran of Hamas’s leader, Ismail Haniyeh, according to three Iranian officials briefed on the order.



Ayatollah Khamenei

Mr. Khamenei gave the order at an emergency meeting of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council on Wednesday morning...”

## **Huge blow to Iran’s security reputation: ‘Utter shock over assassination of Haniyeh’**

*July 31, 2024 israelnationalnews.com* reported: “Senior officials in Iran told the *New York Times* on Wednesday morning that Tehran’s top leadership was ‘in utter shock,’ by the dramatic assassination of senior Hamas official, Ismail Haniyeh.

According to the officials, this assassination also questions Iran’s security reputation and its ability to protect its borders against such attacks.

The *Al-Mayadeen* network reported that an Iranian source claimed that Haniyeh was eliminated by a missile that was launched from another country. Even so, Tehran officially stated that they are still investigating exactly how the senior terrorist was eliminated.

Leader of the Islamic Jihad, Ziyad al-Nakhalah, was also inside the building where Haniyeh was staying, although according to estimates he was not injured, which may also indicate the precise attack against Haniyeh, who was on a different floor than al-Nakhalah...”

## **Toronto Jewish sites attacked: School bus burned, anti-Israel graffiti found**

*July 30, 2024 jpost.com* reported: “A school bus parked in a Jewish Toronto neighborhood was consumed in arson and several Jewish community sites were daubed with anti-Israel graffiti, Canadian politicians and Jewish groups announced on Monday.

York Center Parliament Member Yaara Saks and Eglinton-Lawrence MP Marco Mendicino said on social media that the local Police were investigating the burning of the school bus.

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A photograph shared by Saks showed that the vehicle had been gutted and its engine block destroyed beyond repair.

Medico said that such acts of antisemitism would continue until there were serious consequences for violent hate-motivated crimes.

The United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation of Greater Toronto and Thornhill MP Melissa Lantsman said that a kosher grocery store and Jewish community center had been tagged with graffiti that proclaimed ‘free Palestine.’...”

### **Hezbollah preparing for attack on Israel**

*July 30, 2024 israelnationalnews* reported: “The Hezbollah terror group is preparing for Israel’s attack to a rocket strike on Saturday that caused the deaths of 12 children and youth.

A senior Hezbollah official told Al Jazeera that foreign emissaries arriving in Lebanon asked the Shiite terror group not to respond to Israel’s expected retaliation, but Hezbollah refused.

‘We will absolutely respond to any Israeli attack,’ the official said.

He warned that Hezbollah is also capable of bombing military facilities in Haifa, the Golan Heights, and the Ramat David base, stressing, ‘We are fully prepared,’ and that ‘a ground invasion into Lebanon would provide an incentive to step foot in the Galilee for the first time.’

On Monday, *AP* reports said that Hezbollah had begun moving precision missiles, due to concerns of an Israeli retaliation...”

### **Erdogan threatens Israel: ‘Like we entered Karabakh and Libya – we will do the same to Israel’**

*July 29, 2024 jpost.com* reported: “Jerusalem and Ankara traded sharp barbs on Sunday, with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan seeming to threaten military action against Israel as tensions heated up between the Jewish state and the Iranian proxy group Hezbollah.

Israel in turn warned that his fate could become akin to that of former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein, who was executed by hanging.

‘Erdogan is following in the footsteps of Saddam Hussein by threatening to attack Israel. He should remember what happened there and how it ended,’ Israel’s Foreign Minister Israel Katz wrote in a post on X, formerly Twitter, in which he linked a photograph of the two men.

He spoke up after Erdogan suggested that Turkey might enter Israel as it had done in the past in Libya and Nagorno-Karabakh, though he did not spell out what sort of intervention he was suggesting...”

### **Putin, Assad meet in Moscow, discuss Middle East ‘escalation’**

*July 26, 2024 spacewar.com* reported: “Russian President Vladimir Putin met with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Moscow, according to a Thursday morning Kremlin announcement.

Putin told Assad he wanted the Syrian leader’s opinion on the situation in the Middle East.

‘Unfortunately, there is a tendency towards escalation, we can see that,’ Putin said. ‘This also applied directly to Syria.’

Assad told Putin, ‘Considering all the events that are taking place in the world as a whole and in the Eurasian region today, our meeting seems very important to discuss all the details of the development of these events, to discuss possible prospects and scenarios.’...”



*Russia and Syria Presidents Meet*